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S.C.R. No. 5

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5

WHEREAS, On December 2, 1971, a distinguished statesman and member of the Senate of the State of Texas, the Honorable Jack Hightower of Vernon, received a great tribute from his Masonic brethren when he was elevated to the highest office in Texas Masonry, that of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hightower, the son of the late Walter Hightower and Mrs. Floy Hightower of Memphis, was born in Memphis, Hall County, Texas, on September 6, 1926; and

WHEREAS, He attended school in Memphis and was graduated with honors from the high school there in 1944; just out of high school he served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1946; on leaving military service he enrolled in Baylor University, from which he received the B.A. degree in 1949 and the LL.B. degree in 1951; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, he turned to the political scene and was elected to the Texas House of Representatives without opposition, serving in 1953 and 1954; he was appointed district attorney for the 46th Judicial District in January 1955, and after running for and being elected to the office, he served with distinction from 1956 until his resignation in December 1961; and

WHEREAS, It was in 1964 that Jack Hightower became a member of the Texas Senate, representing the 30th Senatorial District, and he has continued to serve the people of the same district as a member of the 59th, 60th, 61st, and 62nd Legislatures; he has received the acclaim of his colleagues, and was named President pro Tempore of the Senate of the 62nd Legislature during its Regular Session in 1971; he acted as Governor of Texas during the absence from the State of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, As chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Administration he has brought about many physical improvements in the Senate Chamber and Senate offices which have been conducive to greater efficiency by both his colleagues and employees of the Senate; he is also the present chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Youth Affairs and is vice-chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Rules; he is a member of some 13 standing committees of the Senate, and during the current interim is serving his fourth term as a member of the Texas Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, He is an outstanding attorney, esteemed by the members of his profession, and is a dedicated worker in his church, the First Baptist Church of Vernon, where he is a deacon and Sunday School teacher; he has also served on the board of directors of the Baptist Standard, official publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; he was awarded the degree of LL.D. in May 1971 by Howard Payne College at Brownwood; and

WHEREAS, A Mason since 1953, the new Grand Master is a Past Master of Vernon Lodge 655, a past presiding officer of all York

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1 Rite Bodies in Vernon, and a Knight of the York Cross of Honor; he  
2 is also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, having received this high honor  
3 on December 11, 1971, in the Dallas Scottish Rite; he is a Shriner  
4 of Maskat Temple in Wichita Falls and a member of the Red Cross of  
5 Constantine; and

6 WHEREAS, Further Masonic activities attesting to his leader-  
7 ship and distinctive membership include service as District Deputy  
8 Grand Master of the 90th Masonic District in 1961, Grand Orator of  
9 the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1966, and Grand Senior Warden in 1970;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, His fellow members of the Texas Legislature hold  
12 for this distinguished gentleman and his lovely wife, the former  
13 Colleen Ward of Tulia, Texas, a particular warmth and special  
14 affection, as they do for the Hightowers' three beautiful young  
15 daughters--Ann, Amy, and Alison; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED By the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of  
17 Representatives concurring, That the 62nd Legislature, 2nd Called  
18 Session, hereby extend congratulations to Senator Jack Hightower,  
19 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and join his family in  
20 expressing pride in his accomplishments; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be pre-  
22 pared for Senator Hightower and the members of his family in token  
23 of the high esteem which the Members of the 62nd Legislature hold  
24 for him and in recognition of this most recent honor, his eleva-  
25 tion to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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S. C. R. No. 5

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Lieutenant Governor

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 5 was adopted by the  
Senate on March 28, 1972.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 5 was adopted by the  
House on March 29, 1972.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Signed  
Governor

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congratulating Senator Jack Hightower, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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Secretary of the Senate

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